

Minutes of the extraordinary Meeting of Priddy Parish Council
held on 4th May 2011 at The Hunters Lodge Inn (Long Room)

Present: Cllrs Indra Cotton, Chair, Tina Bath, Alan Hutfield, Will Simmons, James Small Robin Maine, Sharon Sparkes, Tom Killen; also in attendance Alan Butcher(Clerk)

1 Apologies for absence: none, all present.

2 Declarations of Interest: Indra and Will declared a prejudicial interest in item 6b - planning application 2011/0667

3 Minutes of the Meeting held on 27th April 2011: were agreed and signed by the Chair as a true record.

4 Public Forum; the meeting was adjourned to allow members of the public to speak:

Lee Wright spoke on behalf of the planning application for Larkrise Farm.

Jean Mulchnock and Christine Duckett raised concerns about the planning application for the Shepton Mallet Caving Club, in particular, increased useage, car parking, problems with the access track, noise and other nuisance to neighbours. Concern was also expressed about the lack of a wildlife and bat survey. Alan Butcher as agent replied that the club had met with the Somerset Wildlife Trust and were awaiting their report.

5 Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 27th April:

- a *Sheep Fair Committee Terms of Reference:* The clerk had circulated the Terms of Reference with a new clause 17 regarding the deadstock sale held after the Sheep Fair. All were happy with the clause and it was prop Tina, sec Robin that the Terms of Reference be adopted, all agreed.
- b *The accounts for 2010/11:* these had been circulated following internal audit and it was prop Indra, sec Tina that they be approved, all agreed.
- c *Annual Governance Statement:* this was completed in the affirmative and agreed by all.
- d *Advert for External Audit:* the clerk had sent details of the proposed advert which detailed the actions taken by the council following the y/e 2010 Audit Report to Moore Stephens who had approved the content, the advert will be placed week commencing 9th May 2011.

Clerk

6 Planning:

- b Application 2011/0667 - Townsend Farm, Priddy - Mr Will Simmons - Conversion of redundant farm buildings to form cafe. *At this point Indra and Will left the meeting and Tina took the chair.* No comments had been made about the proposal but concern had been expressed about the access and visibility. The application was approved with all in favour and a comment about the access and visibility would be included in the response.
- c Application 2011/0714 - Shepton Mallet Caving Club, The Mineries, Wells Road, Priddy - Shepton Mallet Caving Club - Two storey front and single storey side extensions. Alan Butcher (clerk) indicated that he was the agent for this application. Indra queried the car parking provision, Alan B explained that the layout had been amended from the previous application with a timber crib wall rather than gabions and that there was no encroachment onto adjoining land. Car parking had been increased from 12 to 17 spaces. Alan H responded to the concerns of neighbours regarding noise and nuisance and it was agreed that the situation should be monitored. The application was approved, all in favour, Alan B to agree any comments on the response with Indra before sending.

Clerk/Indra

7 Agenda Items:

- a *Village Greens Maintenance:* Both D Gibbons in respect of grass cutting and M Edwards in respect of strimming had maintained their charges at the 2010 level (£60 per cut/£500 for the season)and it was agreed to accept these charges for the coming year.
- b *Metal Detecting on the Green :* the clerk advised that a policy had been set on 1st October 2003 for no metal detecting on the village green. Emails had been received from a Mr May asking for permission to use a metal detector whilst levelling works were proceeding. It was noted that there were H&S considerations which would prevent this. Indra to advise Mr May of the situation. Alan H requested that policies such as this which was made some time ago be recorded for easy reference for future Parish Councils. All agreed.
- c *Parish Council Annual Report:* Indra had prepared this for the Annual parish meeting next week
- d There were no emergency items.

Clerk

Indra

The meeting closed at 8.05pm with thanks from Indra to retiring councillors for their work.

Alan Butcher ~ Parish Clerk

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